GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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NEW BILL FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of ignorance of senior citizens by their family members are increasing in the country day by day;

(b) if so, whether the Parents and Senior Citizens (Welfare and Maintenanc

(e) Bill, 2006 in this regard has been finalized;

(c) if so, the salient features of the Bill; and

(d) the time by which Bill is likely to be passed and implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (d) The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Bill, 2007 was introduced in the Parliament (Lok Sabha) on 20.3.2007. The Bill provides for setting up of appropriate mechanism to offer need-based maintenance to the parents and senior citizens, setting up of old age homes in every district; better medical facilities to senior citizens; and institutionalization of a suitable mechanism for protection of life and property of older persons. No time frame can be indicated by which the Bill will be passed.